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FREE WORLD POLICE: TARGET FOR COMMUNIST SUBVERSION

A war is being waged in the world today. It is a life and death struggle between Communism which makes the people the slaves of the State, and free world democracy in which the State carries out the will of the people.

You, the police, are among the foremost guardians of freedom. This makes you a major target of the Communists. The better your force, the greater its efficiency, the higher its competence in preserving the peace, the more vital it is for the Communist to destroy you. Today I plan to outline the tactics of Communist subversion and to describe several case histories illustrating their technique for attacking the police.

Let us open a training manual for Communist Espionage Agents in which their duties are enumerated. This is an actual paraphrase of the tasks assigned to agents in one of the countries of the free world.

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First, make investigations and report on the activities of the police and security services.

Second, investigate and repress those security organizations which support the Government.

Third, find ways to infiltrate into the police and security organizations to steal documents (particularly those recording their knowledge of Communism) and to destroy everything of value.

I believe that the above manual is specific enough in those instructions.

I have a second example. Let me describe briefly the history of the Communist war against the police in one of the major countries of the free world. I should state initially that this particular country has a long history of excellent police service and a law dating back many years requiring that the police force be completely divorced from all

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politics. Further, until the Communist politicians started to create trouble in recent years there has never been an incident on record showing political interference with the administration of the police force.

In this particular nation there is a National Police Force which has five levels but are organized on a national, provincial and local basis. The Communist technique has been directed primarily toward discrediting the police in the eyes of the people. On the local level, Communist trouble makers would start fights in public places in order to involve the local police. When the police went into action the trouble makers linked arms in an effort to show that it was the police who were causing the incident. The Communists tried to tell the people that the police were in the pay of foreign powers. Efforts were made to penetrate the police and to recruit personnel in headquarters and provincial offices and in security units. Further, a smear campaign attempted to discredit the leaders among the rank and file. The more outstanding and upright

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the senior police officers the more certain they were to become a major Communist target.

As has occasionally happened, the Reds reached cabinet level in this particular country, not as Communists but using a political front party. The Cabinet members of the Communist Party paid particular attention to the police making frequent visits to the police chiefs in charge of provinces to check on such things as administration and security units. One cabinet member demanded that his Communist Front Party have full freedom of action and threatened dismissal of police who interfered with Communist agitators. Another cabinet minister, also a member of the Communist Front Party, threatened the officer in charge with dismissal because of refusal to release from jail a member of the Communist Party sentenced for an ordinary crime. Disciplinary action was threatened to the chief of the metropolitan police because he arrested hired Communist trouble makers who were responsible for a bloody riot

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in which a large number of police were injured.

The above history is a rather awesome example of Communist techniques against the police. Fortunately I can report that in this instance they failed and, although it was a critical period in the history of this particular country, the fine traditions of the police have been restored and this nation is on the road to true freedom and democracy.

In another country a Communist (under the label of another political party) became the Minister of Interior. He was the direct boss of the Director General of Police--a career police official loyal to his country. The Minister spent most of the six months he was in office attempting to find out what the police knew about the Communist Party. Through some fast foot work, at the risk of losing his job, the Director General was able to keep most of the police knowledge away from the Minister.

As you know, there are two general aspects of Communist activity.

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(1) The subversive aspect where efforts are made to penetrate and control every phase of the political, economic and cultural life of a country. (2) The militant aspect which involves agitation, demonstrations, riots, insurrection, and rebellion. Police must have a capability of dealing with both the subversive and the militant aspects if you are to be successful. These gentlemen will hold up for you to see the reproduction of a Communist handbook instructing agitators on how to lead mobs against the police. Tomorrow you will see the excellent film "Operation Abolition" on how Communists invite non-Communists to do their dirty work.

Lest I give the impression that the Communists are concentrating only upon the newer nations and the younger democracies, I would like to mention an incident in an important and major parliamentary power. In this particular country the Communist press specializes in playing up and discrediting all police action against rioters, strikers and mobs.

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The Communists have exerted considerable effort to penetrate the police and to sap the morale of the force. Following this pattern an article was published in a paper of national circulation concentrating on the following themes: that the police were distrusted by the people; that the enlisted personnel of the police were ill treated; that the officers were incompetent; that it was basically a repressive force; that it should be reorganized on regional lines because it did not represent the people.

Here in one place is a listing of the themes used by the Communist subversives in an attempt to undermine police authority, weaken its efficiency, and embarrass the Government. It should be noted that the article was written by a confessed member of a wartime Communist espionage network. Unfortunately many innocent readers were unaware of this fact. Here again I would add that despite the Communist efforts against the police in this particular country, they have succeeded in protecting themselves and in continuing a bulwark against illegality and disorder.

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Communism will work openly and legally where it can. But it will work secretly and illegally where it must. Its capability for conspiratorial work largely accounts for the survival of the international Communist movement.

The international movement has developed a system of defensive measures to protect itself against the police, against intelligence agencies and against a hostile public. Knowledge of party activities is carefully compartmented. An intra-party detective service and a control commission guards against police penetration. There is always an invisible permanent cadre of hard-core activists. Separate groups perform separate functions such as espionage, sabotage, liquidation, terror, riots etc. When police measures become severe they establish bases in another country and operate from there. They use every technique of clandestine activity. They are very strict about personal behavior: about alcoholism, private correspondence, friends, mode of living,

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behavior in case of arrest, professional competence as a clandestine operator.

I would mention here that the Communists will even use fiction in their attacks on the police: I am thinking particularly of one book published quite a few years ago in which there was a chapter devoted to the police with the obvious design of holding them up to ridicule and to undermine the respect of the people.

As a group the police are among the most anti-Communist of the professional organizations in the free world. There is a natural antipathy between police and Communists. You police learn early in your career that the Communist Party is not just another political movement but is an internal conspiracy. Properly armed with knowledge of the techniques of Communist subversion; alert to the fact that no organization, no group of people, and no individual can be disregarded as a possible Communist target or tool; the police of the free world can counter the red threat and

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drive them from the free world.

None of us should feel that the task is easy, nor that the victory will be quick. They are a dangerous, fiendishly clever, ruthless, determined enemy, and their loot the biggest possible -- control of the world. They will not give up this goal as long as they last.

The task is not made easier by the lack of awareness on the part of many of the Communist threat. Thus one of the first tasks is education--to get the word to the people about the dangers of Communism.

In some countries there is an absence of legislation defining espionage, sabotage or subversion. This plays into the hands of the Communists and they will go to great extremes to prevent such legislation from being enacted. The absence of such laws puts the police in the position of the boxer whose hands are tied and who is sent into the ring against a killer.

In other countries there is inadequate enforcement of existing laws. And there are technical problems which further handicap police efforts

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against Communism. These include lack of equipment, communications, records, a shortage of trained personnel, and too often an underpaid staff potentially vulnerable to subversion through the lure of money of which the Communists have plenty.

To solve problems such as these the police must have the support of the government and of the people. The Communists will exert every effort to prevent the development of a strong police force. They will pose as super-patriots, and ruthlessly slander those who oppose them.

The Communists will pervert to their own use words and phrases that have a common meaning in the western world. Their slogan today is "struggle for peace" while they make any area of their choosing into bloody battlefields, turning neighbor against neighbor, and brother against brother.

If we are alert, if we are vigilent, if we are just, the victory will be to the free world. The Communist Party can be paralyzed by an

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efficient police force. The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the police forces in the United States as well as in many other countries of the free world have demonstrated this time and again.

The Communist attack on the police of the free world is dangerous for two reasons: The first is that the attacks are fanatical, disciplined and skilled in underground methods. Here we can match them. We believe in our cause just as firmly, we are equally disciplined and we know our jobs.

The second element of Communist strategy and technique is centralization. A campaign against the police of one free country is not planned and directed by the Communist party of that country; it is planned and directed by the strategists of international Communism. Villification of the police by the Communist press in one country can be -- and is -- coordinated with plans to penetrate the police in an adjoining country. We can beat them at this game too.

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This meeting of the International Association of the Chiefs of Police is itself the best kind of evidence of our common will to help one another. The more we share our experience, skills and problems, the better we can deal with their tactics. They cannot divide and conquer because we are united in the joint defense of our laws and liberties through common bonds. One of the strongest of these, one of the firmest bulwarks against the Communist attack, is this Association.

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